

many ways farmers, ranchers, sports men and women, and agencies can participate in this effort. The millions that will be spent in the Walker Basin—through the water leasing demonstration program, additional alternative agriculture programs, additional water acquisition funds, and broader conservation opportunities—means that willing and interested people can choose ways to participate in a solution for the basin that best serves their business, personal and community's interests.

After my years of working on efforts in the Walker River Basin, I am hopeful that this legislation will help communities work together to protect what is important to all Nevadans—preserve our unique natural resources enjoyed by sportsmen and the right of individuals and communities to choose the what will make our businesses successful, our local economies more diverse, and our resources more attractive to the public.

This is an opportunity to make significant progress in the Walker River Basin, and I am committed to seeing these Desert Terminal Lakes funding priorities signed into law by the President.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I wanted in these moments to say a special thank you to Senator BENNETT and the staff on the minority side and majority side who put this bill together and worked with us. This is a bill that funds the energy programs and water in this country. It is a bill that is very important. It has taken us a while on the floor to get it done.

I believe we have two amendments also remaining that we are trying to clear. We hope to clear those by voice vote momentarily. Then we will go to final passage. Hopefully we will get clearance to do that so we could be done in 10 or 15 minutes. It has been a long saga on the floor of the Senate here on this bill for the last several days, but I think the work is valuable and important and useful for the country. It is a good investment in our future.

As I said when we started this process, Senator BENNETT is a great Senator to work with, a great Senator to partner with on some very important issues. He and his staff have done a great job, as has the staff on the majority side, putting this bill together. I am going to include all their names in the RECORD. I included most of their names at the start of this discussion a couple of days ago, but I want recognition paid to the people who spent time to put this bill together.

I want to alert colleagues I hope within a matter of 5 or 10 minutes to be able to do the two amendments remaining by voice and then go to final passage.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah is recognized.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I thank the chairman for his kind words and echo his comments about the staff

and the hard work they have done. We are grateful to Doug Clapp and Barry Gaffney, Roger Cockrell, and Franz Wuerfmannsdobler, Brad Fuller, as well as Tyler Owens, Ben Hammond, the floor staff, and of course Scott O'Malia of the committee staff who has worked so hard with me.

This has been a challenge for Scott and others because this is my first experience as the ranking member of this subcommittee. I was far more comfortable working on agricultural matters. But to have moved from the Agriculture Subcommittee to the Energy and Water Subcommittee has been a significant challenge and I am grateful to the chairman and the others for their willingness to work with me as I have come through this maiden experience.

I agree with the chairman that this is a very important bill addressing one of the most significant challenges we face in this country, which is getting our energy policy right and getting the energy initiatives properly funded. I am grateful it has finally come to the point where we are in fact within moments of final passage.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I think the Senator from Florida is going to seek recognition in a moment. I wish to mention for the RECORD the names of those staff who have contributed to the construction of this appropriations bill on the Energy and Water Subcommittee: Doug Clapp, Scott O'Malia, Roger Cockrell, Barry Gaffney, Franz Wuerfmannsdobler, Molly Barackman, Ben Hammond, Tyler Owens.

We have had a lot of staff people who have put in a great deal of time. I wished to mention them by name as my colleague has done as well. We are very grateful for the amount of time people put in to make these things happen. This bill was a very important bill. I think it was constructed very well.

We had a markup in the subcommittee, the full committee, and now good discussion on the floor of the Senate. We are very close to final passage. We are waiting because a couple Senators are asking for commitments on amendments on a bill that does not relate to this before they will agree to final passage. I think we are very close to having their appetite for that satisfied and we can go to final passage.

I believe the Senator from Florida is going to talk about two amendments that have been cleared on both sides that could then be cleared.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Florida is recognized.

AMENDMENTS NOS. 1852 AND 1893, AS MODIFIED

Mr. NELSON of Florida. I call up en bloc amendment Nos. 1852 and 1893, as modified.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NELSON of FLORIDA. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator MARTINEZ be added as a cosponsor to amendment No. 1852 and that I, Senator NELSON of Florida, be added as a cosponsor to amendment No. 1893.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, it is my understanding that this has been agreed to by both sides. I would ask for a voice vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. DORGAN. Both the minority and majority have cleared both these amendments. I would ask for a voice vote on the amendments.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the amendments.

The amendments were agreed to, as follows:

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1852

(Purpose: To provide for the Federal share of the cost of the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area)

On page 17, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

#### SEC. 1. TEN MILE CREEK WATER PRESERVE AREA.

Section 528(b)(3)(C)(ii) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996 (110 Stat. 3769; 121 Stat. 1270) is amended—

(1) in subclause (I), by striking “subclause (II)” and inserting “subclauses (II) and (III)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(III) TEN MILE CREEK WATER PRESERVE AREA.—The Federal share of the cost of the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area may exceed \$25,000,000 by an amount equal to not more than \$3,500,000, which shall be used to pay the Federal share of the cost of—

“(aa) the completion of a post authorization change report; and

“(bb) the maintenance of the Ten Mile Creek Water Preserve Area in caretaker status through fiscal year 2013.”.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 1893, AS MODIFIED

(Purpose: To ensure that previously appropriated funding for the Tampa Harbor Big Bend Channel project is used for the original intended purpose of the funding and not reprogrammed)

On page 17, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

SEC 1. As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, from funds made available before the date of enactment of this Act for the Tampa Harbor Big Bend Channel project, the Secretary of the Army may reimburse the non-Federal sponsor of the Tampa Harbor Big Bend Channel project for the Federal share of the dredging work carried out for the project.

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.